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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Bates, John W. et al.

Confirmation No.: 4605

Application No.: 09/664,500

Examiner: Roberta Stevens

Filing Date: 09/18/2000

Group Art Unit: 2665

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF ALLOCATING STORAGE RESOURCES IN A STORAGE AREA NETWORK

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified applicaiton.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

( ) Previously submitted:

( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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Miscellaneous

( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL  
(RCE) (37 CFR 1.114) (continued)

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(X) RCE filing fee \$790.00

( ) A Petition for Extension of Time

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| ( ) four months  | \$1590.00 |

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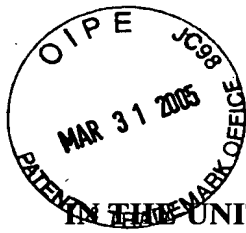
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Randolph Building  
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Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Mail Stop Amendment**

March 31, 2005

**AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2005, and concurrent with the filing of a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), the following amendments and remarks are submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In view of these, Applicant requests reconsideration and further examination culminating in a Notice of Allowability.

The sections included in this response are as follows:

- Amendments to the **Claims** begin on **page 2** of this paper; and
- A **Remarks** section begins on **page 6** of this paper.